



## Record of Alumni Awards

### Alumni of the Year

- 1964 B.O. Smith, Louisville  
 1965 Lucille Wood, Decatur  
 1966 Henry D. Horton, Louisville  
 1967 Crowley Alford, Carthage  
 1968 W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur  
 1969 Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia  
 1970 Leon Sims, Philadelphia  
 1971 Charles Carter, Jackson  
 1972 Dr. William L. Weems, Jackson  
 1973 Arno Vincent, Meridian  
 1974 Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia  
 1975 W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove  
 1976 John Risher, Philadelphia  
 1977 Jessie M. Everett, Decatur  
 1978 Class of 1928, First Class  
 1979 Glenn D. Walker, Union  
 1980 Russell Walton, Union  
 1981 Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville  
 1982 Denver Brackeen, Union  
 1983 Frank Hunter, Brookhaven  
 1984 Herman Alford, Philadelphia  
 1985 Carl B. Cooper, Decatur  
 Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.  
 1986 Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia  
 Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville  
 1987 Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur  
 Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, AL  
 1988 Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville  
 Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixon, TN  
 1989 Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur  
 Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, Jackson  
 1990 Larry Hogue, Flowood  
 Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest  
 1991 Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond  
 Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur  
 1992 Earl Marshall, Clinton  
 June Bailey, Biloxi  
 1993 Melvin Tingle, Decatur  
 Patsy Durigan Clark, Louisville  
 1994 Paul V. Breazeale, Jackson  
 Jane Todd Gurry, Raleigh, NC

- 1995 Dr. John Gipson, Newton  
 Wanda Comans Sharp, Sebastopol  
 1996 Ray Britt, Walnut Grove  
 Brenda Whatley Kirby, Forest  
 1997 Dick Livingston, Pulaski  
 Carol Farish Vickers, Decatur  
 1998 T.H. (Tam) Etheridge, Jackson  
 Nell Allen Rogers, Philadelphia  
 1999 Dr. Shelby L. Harris, Decatur  
 Illene Richie Gordon, Union  
 2000 S. LeBrun Hutchison, Littleton, CO  
 Jeanette Beavers Thrash, Decatur  
 2001 Dr. Joe Todd, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Betty Lewis Gomillion, Walnut Grove  
 2002 A. Harvey Trapp, Newton  
 Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville  
 2003 Dr. Milton Matthews, Pearl  
 Frances Harris Smith, Decatur

### Athletic Hall of Fame

- 1985 Denver Brackeen, Union  
 1986 Lucille Wood, Decatur  
 1987 Billy Wayne Baucum, Decatur  
 1988 Howard Jean Sessums, Harpersville  
 1989 Lamar Blount, Decatur  
 Arno Vincent, Meridian  
 Earl Marshall, Clinton  
 1990 Jeff Loper, Decatur  
 Richard Harris, Hickory  
 Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson  
 1991 Larry Henderson, Daphne, AL  
 Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs  
 Wayne Tullis, Belle Glade, FL  
 1992 Evelyn Bender, Newton  
 Joe Clark, Decatur  
 Bert Thompson, Clinton

- 1993 Esther Thomas Coleman, Louisville  
 Barbara Jo Davidson Russell, Decatur  
 Louis Watwood, Arlington, VA  
 1994 Charlene Bates Jones, Forest  
 Charlie Hope, Sharpsburg, GA  
 Malcolm "Puddin" Jones, Decatur  
 1995 Clayton Blount, Decatur  
 Nan Houston Keenan, Rose Hill  
 James T. "Jim" Wood, Louisville  
 1996 M.E. "Boe" Davis, Cary, NC  
 John W. Golden, Stone Mountain, GA  
 Julie Latham, Morton  
 Malcolm Phillips, Newton  
 1997 Tommye Williamson  
 Alfonso, Gulfport  
 Lester Baucum, Wiggins  
 James L. "Creep" Nelson, Newton  
 1998 Van Chancellor, Houston, Texas  
 Deborah Norwood Duncan, Philadelphia  
 Howard Sessums, Clinton  
 1999 Daisy Kate Williams  
 Chaney, Union  
 Sam Rutigliano, Forest, VA  
 Charles E. Ward, Pace, FL  
 2000 Billy Ray Dill, Escatawpa  
 Sue Gunter, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Jimmy Rea Madison  
 2001 Willie "Tenny" Coats, Decatur  
 Sammy Pace, Decatur  
 Charlie Payne, Florence  
 2002 Freddie J. Bagley, Forest  
 James E. "Jim" Nabers, Louisville  
 Robert Thomas, Philadelphia  
 2003 Roy Baker, Clinton  
 Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville  
 Rex Keeton, Taylorsville  
 Mark Killens, Newton

- 1996 W. H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur  
 J.W. Thrash, Decatur  
 2001 James E. Land, Union

### Instructors of the Year

- 1982 Ovid Vickers  
 1983 Dr. Shelby Harris  
 1984 Jessie M. Everett  
 1985 Bruce Guraedy  
 Al Bailey  
 1986 Ann Burkes  
 O. L. Newell  
 1987 Tommy Thrash  
 Chester Clark  
 1988 Dr. Richard Ethridge  
 John Adcock  
 1989 Joe Clark  
 Larry Blackburn  
 1990 Lois McMullan  
 Wallace Keen  
 1991 Tom Carson  
 Ricky Harrison  
 1992 Ron Davis  
 Lester Miles  
 1993 Lucille Wood  
 Sam Griffin  
 1994 Alice Pouncey  
 Elizabeth Brelaud  
 1995 Al Deaton  
 Sarah A. Griffin  
 1996 Charles Hinson  
 Jimmy Dempsey  
 1997 Dr. Richard Fisher  
 Brenda Johnson  
 1998 Leesa Wilkinson  
 Conrad Germany  
 1999 L. B. Bullock  
 R. W. Clark  
 2000 Dr. Linda Lane  
 Sandra Thomas  
 2001 Dr. Betty Sue Hennington  
 Polly Mayes  
 2002 Linda Baucum Pierce  
 Gerald Jordan  
 2003 Dana Dear  
 Katherine Buckman

### Lifetime Achievement Awards

- 1991 Dr. Austin Boggan, Decatur  
 1994 Homer Hunter, Decatur  
 Ovid Vickers, Decatur



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## Society Alumna Dr. Beverly Oliphant Cited for Distinguished Medical Career

At the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, Phi Theta Kappa presented Dr. Beverly Oliphant with the 2002 Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Alumna Award in recognition of her professional accomplishments. Dr. Oliphant served the United States Department of State for 22 years, from 1978 to 2000, as the primary care and Internal Medicine consultant for Foreign Service families. During that time, she traveled internationally as the personal physician to U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz, a role that required her to perform under extreme duress at times.

As a pioneer in the field of holistic medicine and spiritual health, she was instrumental in establishing the field of Psychoneuroimmunology, which has joined the ranks of mainstream medicine. In addition, she followed her belief that "no gift is ever given for our own private use," and utilized her talent for public speaking to lecture at the George Washington University Medical School.

Dr. Oliphant humbly credits her life's successes to strong roots and a solid foundation, laid in Edinburg, Mississippi, a long way from Washington, D.C. In particular, she lauds her experiences with Phi Theta Kappa and East Central Community College.

"Were it not for the teachers and support staff at East Central who believed in me when I was truly, truly penniless," she said, "I could not have served humanity through the art and science of medicine, even in America!" After graduating third in her class from ECCC with an Associate Arts degree, Dr. Oliphant attained her Bachelor of Science from Mississippi State University, her Master of Science from the University of Florida, and her M.D. degree from George Washington University Medical School.

## Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Alumni 1970-2002

Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1918, and in the past 84 years has inducted more than 1.6 million honor students. The Society has formally recognized Most Distinguished Alumni since 1970.

Recipients are nominated by their chapters. The award is given to members who have, through their professional or personal endeavors, provided substantive contributions toward improving the quality of life on national or international levels. Their achievements bring honor to Phi Theta Kappa and to the two-year college family.

In its 84 years of existence, Phi Theta Kappa has bestowed this highest honor on only 35 individuals. The following list includes the names of recipients, the year they were honored, the two-year colleges where they became members of Phi Theta Kappa, and the contributions for which they were recognized at the time of their selection as Most Distinguished Alumni.

1970 / Fred Haise – Perkinston Junior College, Mississippi. Lunar module pilot on Apollo 13 mission, one of nineteen original astronauts and pilot of the first test of the Enterprise space shuttle.

1970 / The Honorable Howard Pollock – Perkinston Junior College, Mississippi. Alaska's first United States Congressman and Phi Theta Kappa President, 1940.

1971 / Dr. Joe B. Frantz (*deceased*) – Weatherford College, Texas. Texas historian, past director of Texas State Historical Society, past chairman of history department at University of Texas at Austin, former Turnbull professor of history at Corpus Christi State University.

1972 / Thomas Hal Phillips – Hinds Community College, Raymond Campus, Mississippi. Author, recipient of two Guggenheim awards, screenwriter, director of Mississippi Film Commission and on the production staff of such notable films as *Nashville*, *Thieves Like Us* and *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*.



1973 / Monte Markham – Palm Beach Community College, Florida. Actor on stage, in movies and on television; starred in *The New Perry Mason*, *The Second Hundred Years*, network television dramas and starring roles in *Irene* and in *Same Time, Next Year* on Broadway.

1974 / Caleb Pirtle – Kilgore College, Texas. Non-fiction author, former travel editor of *Southern Living*, and freelance writer and filmmaker.

1975 / Dr. Janice Freeman, Dr. Joyce Freeman – Del Mar College, Texas. Distinguished science professors at Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi; established Freeman Science Award given annually through the Hallmark Awards Program.

1976 / The Honorable Francine Neff – Cotter College, Missouri. Treasurer of the United States during the Ford Administration and national director of the Savings Bond Division of the Department of the Treasury.

1976 / The Honorable Larry Chesley – Weber College, Utah. U.S. Air Force major during the Vietnam conflict. A prisoner of war, he wrote *Seven Years in Hanoi*; was later elected an Arizona State Senator.

1977 / H. Ross Perot – Texarkana College, Texas. Past chairman of the board and president of Electronic Data Systems in Dallas; 1992 presidential candidate.

1978 / Dr. Margaret Mosal (deceased) – Whitworth College, Mississippi. Executive Director Emeritus of Phi Theta Kappa, 1930 Phi Theta Kappa President.

1979 / Dr. Jean Woolfolk – Little Rock Junior College, Arkansas. Head of the fund-raising arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); former National Treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa.

1980 / Dr. James Davis – Ferrum College, Virginia. Past dean of Ferrum College, former member of the House of Delegates of the State of Virginia, current president of Shenandoah University.

1981 / Rudy Gatlin – Odessa College, Texas. Member of the Grammy-winning Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band.

1981 / Iris Siff (deceased) – Tyler Junior College, Texas. Past managing director of the Nina Vance Alley Theatre in Houston, Texas

1982 / Jim Lehrer – Victoria College, Texas. Co-anchor of the *MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour*, PBS; author

1983 / Dr. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick – Stephens College, Missouri. Former United States ambassador to the United Nations; author, lecturer, political analyst and commentator

1985 / Admiral B.R. Inman – Tyler Junior College, Texas. Former president and chief executive officer of Microelectronics and Computer Technology and former Deputy Director of the CIA

1986 / H. Ben Kinchlow – Southwest Texas Junior College, Texas. Co-host of the 700 Club program on Christian Broadcast Network and Executive Vice President in charge of Ministry and Development

1987 / Dr. Thomas J. Malone – Pearl River Community College, Mississippi. President and chief operating officer of Milliken & Co., the largest privately owned manufacturer in the world

1988 / Judge Eugene A. Cook – University of Houston, Texas. Founding partner, Cook, Davis & McFall law firm of Houston, Texas, past chairman of Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors, past president of the Houston Bar Association, former justice on the Texas Supreme Court, and Phi Theta Kappa President, 1958

1990 / Randal McDonald (deceased) – Wharton County Junior College, Texas. Former CEO of Pennzoil Corporation

1991 / Dr. William Roper – Florida College, Florida. Former Director for the Centers for Disease Control

1992 / The Honorable Ike Skelton – Wentworth Military Academy and Junior College, Missouri. U.S. Congressman, Missouri 4th District

1993 / The Honorable Reynaldo G. Garza – Brownsville Junior College, Texas. Senior Judge, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

1995 / Dr. David H. Shinn – Yakima Valley Community College, Washington. Past United States Ambassador to Somalia and Ethiopia; Director of East African Affairs for the U.S. State Department.

1998 / David C. Gruel – Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts. Integration and Test Engineer with Jet Propulsion Laboratory; engineer on the Mars Pathfinder Project; has worked on mission scheduled for 2003 to attempt landing on comet surface

1998 / Lee F. Sword – Pima Community College, Arizona. Lead engineer for Jet Propulsion Laboratory working on Mobility Team on the Mars Pathfinder Mission

2000 / Dr. Sylvia Earle – St. Petersburg Junior College, Florida. Founder of Deep Ocean Exploration and Research (DOER), now DOER Marine Operations, to design, operate, support and consult on manned and robotic sub sea systems

2000 / Mayor Clarence Harmon – St. Louis Community College, Missouri. St. Louis' first African-American police chief and St. Louis' second African-American mayor; has spearheaded the revitalization of downtown St. Louis and has worked to attract more business and industry to the city

2002 / Dr. Kendall McNabney – Coffeyville Community College, Kansas. Established one of the first Emergency Medical Residency Programs in the country; developed a triage system that has been modeled throughout the country

2002 / Dr. Beverly Oliphant – East Central Community College, Mississippi. Primary care and Internal Medicine consultant for Foreign Service families, United States Department of State, 1978-2000

2002 / Trisha Yearwood – Young Harris College, Georgia. Grammy-winning singer, entertainer, actress, humanitarian